



Indigenous Education Camp 2022



MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre, Jasper National Park

2022 Indigenous Education Camp Details

Hotel Information

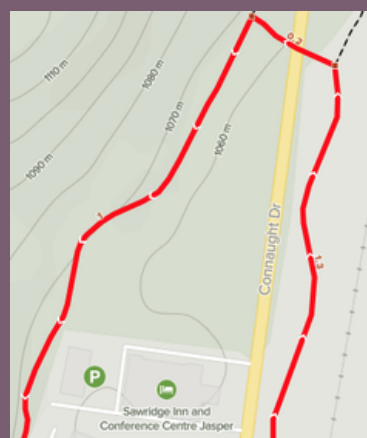
Location: The Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre, Jasper AB

Fee: Room with 2 Queen beds
\$123.20/night (before taxes)
** Based on single occupancy.
 Rate available **until March 24, 2022.**
 Limited number of rooms available.*

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY PHONE

1.866.606.6700

Group Booking: Grande Yellowhead Public School Division ID#-2131532



The April 25 event will be held in the Sawridge Ballroom.

Dress for the weather – Discovery Trail is just outside the front door! This 8.5 km loop may entice you during your stay.

DISCOVERY TRAIL

[View Full Route](#)



Questions?

Contact Jennifer Albrecht
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APRIL 24

Optional Evening Registration:
 5:00pm – 6:30pm

TIME	SESSION
7:00pm	Welcome Circle – Drumming & Story Optional Sunday Evening Session

APRIL 25

Registration:
 8:00am – 8:30am

TIME	SESSION
8:30am	Refreshments & Continental Breakfast
9:00am – 9:30am	Drumming & Story Warrior Women
9:30am – 10:30am	SESSION 1: Indigenous-Canadian Relations & Foundational Knowledge & Knowing Dr. Dwayne Donald
10:30am – 10:45am	BREAK
10:45am – 11:45am	SESSION 2: 13 Cree Moons Etienna Moostoos-Lafferty
11:45am – 12:30pm	LUNCH
12:30pm – 1:30pm	SESSION 3: Figuring Out Who I Am Valerie Findlay
1:30pm – 1:45pm	BREAK
1:45pm – 3:00pm	SESSION 4: Storytelling of the Local History & Life as an Aseniwuche Winewak Mabel Wanyandie & Tom McDonald
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Wrap Up



Optional Sunday Evening Session



LOCATION

Jasper Museum
400 Bonhomme Street

April 24

7:00 PM

WELCOME CIRCLE

This optional Sunday Evening Session will be held outside in front of the Jasper Museum commencing at 7:00 p.m. Warrior Women will welcome participants and invited guests with drumming. Mabel Wanyandie from the Asinewuche Winewak Nation, Grande Cache, will share her personal reflections of connection to the statue affectionately known as 'Kookum', or Lucy Wanyandie, gracing the entrance to the museum. Join us to gather for a time of fellowship, reflection, and reconciliation through this informal time of story and music. There is ample parking at the Jasper Museum (400 Bonhomme Street). Discovery Trail (see map above, hiking terrain) leads you to Jasper Museum. Walking along Geikie and Bonhomme streets lead from the Sawridge Inn to the Jasper Museum (1.5km walk).



Presenters



Warrior Women is a collective, a drumming group, a mother and daughter who are rooted in tradition, and ambassadors of their knowledge. Matricia and Mackenzie Brown are **Warrior Women**.

SESSION 1:

Dialogue with Dr. Dwayne Donald



BIOGRAPHY

Dwayne Donald is a descendent of the Amiskwaciyiniwak (Beaver Hills people) and the Papaschase Cree and works as a professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta. His work focuses

on ways in which Indigenous wisdom traditions can expand and enhance our understandings of curriculum and pedagogy.

April 25

9:00AM - 9:30AM

WHO ARE WARRIOR WOMEN?

Residing from Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, Matricia and Mackenzie are a dynamic duo whose haunting melodies and stories will keep you entertained. Currently residing in both Jasper and Calgary, Warrior Women offer drumming shows to those travelling all across the globe. Having performed over 300 shows, Warrior Women will not leave you disappointed.

Warrior Women offer performance shows, workshops, tour shows, guided experiences, training and much more. If you are looking to be moved by the heartbeat of mother earth, hear the stories of the land and listen to legends of the Cree people that will stay with you forever, Warrior Women is the group for you.

Website: <https://warriorwomen.ca/>

9:30AM - 10:30AM

INDIGENOUS-CANADIAN RELATIONS AND FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND KNOWING

Join in conversation with Dr. Dwayne Donald to explore the historical and contemporary knowledge and perceptions held around Indigenous-Canadian relations and foundational knowledge and ways of knowing. This is an opportunity to listen, ask questions, engage with others, and reflect on issues that will serve to inform your professional practice.

Presenter

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SESSION 2:

Etienna Moostoos-Lafferty

10:45AM - 11:45AM

13 CREE MOONS

In this session, Etienna will share her experience learning from and with the land alongside her daughter, Layla. Inspired by a graduate course she was taking at the time, Etienna and her daughter created videos and invited teachers and children to learn with them over the 13 Cree Moons. Reflect on this experience and be curious about the potential for you, as a human being, to build land connections in your own unique and meaningful way.



BIOGRAPHY

Etienna Moostoos-Lafferty was born and raised in Grande Prairie Alberta. Her family is from the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation in Treaty 8 territory. Etienna is a certified teacher and has teaching experience in both First Nations community schools and in provincial schools, also in public and Catholic school systems.

Etienna works provincially as an Indigenous Education consultant, coach, and independent contractor. Etienna has created resources for various organizations and communities to assist in the awareness of topics such as Myths and Images of Indigeneity, Indigenous Knowledge and Pedagogy, Treaty Relationships, Land as Teacher, and Foundational Knowledge.

Etienna recently completed her Master's Degree in Secondary Education at the University of Alberta. Her thesis topic was titled, "Pihtikwe: Exploring Withness in Teacher Preparedness and Professional Development".



Presenter

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SESSION 3:

Valerie Findlay



BIOGRAPHY

Valerie Findlay was born on January 27, 1955. She was raised by her parents and had an older brother and sister. In 1974 Val moved to Edson and married her husband, John. Together they have two daughters, one son-in-law, nine grandchildren, and three adopted grandchildren. John and Val have been married for 48 years. Val became involved with the Edson Friendship Centre in 1986 as a volunteer. She worked for 35 years before retiring in 2021. During that time, Val was able to assist Indigenous people in becoming productive citizens, not just takers of the community. The following programs Val was involved in initiating during her time include Family First, Brighter Futures Early Intervention Program, Women, Infants and Nutrition, Youth and Homelessness. All of these programs are still running today. Val received the following awards during her time with the Edson Friendship Centre: Queen's Jubilee Medal, Esquao Awards, Provincial Aboriginal Community Development Award, MLA indigenous Women Awards. Valerie had a very rewarding career. Her love for helping families and youth have assisted the Edson Friendship Centre in a vision of bridging the gap between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people. Val continues to work in her community as an Elder.

12:30PM - 1:30PM

FIGURING OUT WHO I AM

I was born to a Norwegian father and a Metis mother who denied she was Métis.

I will share how this impacted my life as a child, and how I endured racism throughout my life.

I will talk about my life and growing up, learning about my history and culture, and how my experiences influenced my decision to work serve for many years at the Edson Friendship Centre.



Co-Presenter



**ASENIWUCHE
WINEWAK NATION**



BIOGRAPHIES

MABEL WANYANDIE

Mabel Wanyandie is an Aseniwuche Winewak Elder born in the Grande Cache area; she is the daughter of Lucy Wanyandie and Daniel Wanyandie. Mabel was part of the Susa creek teaching team working with the University of Alberta's Faculty of Law on the Wahkohtowin project. Her hobbies include storytelling, hide tanning, berry picking, hunting, and many outdoor activities.



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1:45PM - 3:00PM

STORYTELLING OF THE LOCAL HISTORY & LIFE AS AN ASENIWUCHE WINEWAK

In this session, Elder, Mabel Wanyandie, will share personal anecdotes and experiences as an Aseniwuche Winewak describing how her ancestors traversed the land along the Jasper to Grande Cache corridor building community, raising children, and partaking in many outdoor pursuits while passing down Indigenous foundational knowledge to her kin and community.

Tom McDonald will co-present and act as Cree interpreter for Mabel sharing his expertise and contributions to the community of Grande Cache as a member of the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation. Their extensive knowledge of the history of the area, the land, and ways of life will support participants in developing an appreciation for the interconnectedness of the people who reside together in the area; people who work collaboratively for the betterment of all, especially the children and youth who will carry the legacy of their families and community into the future.

Co-Presenter



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TOM MCDONALD

Tom McDonald is of Rocky Mountain Cree (Aseniwuche Nehiyaw) descent, grew up living in the Grande Cache area in west-central Alberta. The Aseniwuche Winewak have adapted to massive changes since the late 1960s while actively maintaining their Rocky Mountain Cree values and way of life. Aseniwuche Winewak have always been respected for their close relationship to and deep knowledge of the land, their skills in hunting and outfitting, and their extensive knowledge and use of medicinal plants. They still practice and pass down traditional practices such as hunting, trapping, outfitting, and brain-tanning hides. Tom has diverse working experiences in his home community and understands the importance of achieving positive results for the Nations members. Tom served as the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation (AWN) president from 2017 to 2021. In 2018, Tom led Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self Determination (RIRSD) Exploratory Table negotiations between Aseniwuche Winewak Nation (AWN) and Canada. While the work with Canada is still ongoing, Tom is still active in the community. Outside of work, Tom enjoys living the Indigenous traditional way of life and is passionate about wildlife photography.



Tom's photography of a caribou (pictured above) was featured on the 2021 Jasper National Park of Canada Indigenous Partner Pass.